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It being impracticable to express in these columns the divergent views of the thousands of members of the American Peace Society, full responsibility for the utterances of this magazine is assumed by the Editor.

THE SACRED THING IN IT

THERE IS a sacred thing in the gifts men make to a noble cause. Gifts to the American Peace Society are no exception. The two "Notices" on the last page of this magazine have already brought results; not complete results, but results. Since the appearance of those notices, a month ago, we have averaged to receive approximately one hundred dollars a day. While at that rate the \$15,000 will not be raised for a long time, yet that simple appeal has already brought expressions of interest, sympathy, and support, more deeply helpful than money in itself could possibly be. When one giver from Connecticut sends with his check the message, "May the great work go forward," he voices the sentiment of many. Another writer from Florida says: "Enclosed please find check for — to cover subscription to ADVOCATE, balance to apply to Carnegie Endowment Fund grant. I should like to give a great deal more, but am not in position to do so." From Long Beach, California, another says: "Enclosed find postal money order for — to continue my subscription for another year. I am sorry not to do more, but local demands are such that it is impossible. However, good wishes and moral support count for something, and these I send in abundance." Another out of Boston, thanking us for calling her attention to the desirability

of the ADVOCATE OF PEACE as a Christmas gift and inclosing a check for a subscription to a friend, adds: "The ADVOCATE OF PEACE has become almost invaluable to me. It means more to me than any other publication or review. It impresses me as fair, broad-minded, and well balanced. I wish I could contribute to the fund you are raising, but just at present I must content myself with trying to extend influence through the publication." A Congressman for over twenty years writes: "Permit me to say . . . that I still stand on the platform of the American Peace Society more resolutely than ever before after what has happened." "It is not much, but it will help," says one of America's most distinguished scholars. The following letter from Amboy, Indiana, contains an unusual expression of that thing in the gifts to our work which we feel to be sacred:

"Your note received. I am intensely interested in the Peace cause. My father was a life member of the American Peace Society more than twenty-five years; has been dead forty-one years; my brother was a member about as long; has been dead sixteen years. Since his death I have been taking the ADVOCATE OF PEACE. I would like to give by the hundreds, but I don't feel that I can even do a little. I am ninety years old, on crutches for 17 years, and but little means; but I do want to know how the work is progressing, so will send a postal money order for \$1.50 for a yearly subscription. "Please excuse pencil; my hand is too shaky for pen."

In the language of John Greenleaf Whittier, himself for a number of years an officer of the American Peace Society—language addressed to Ellery Channing, one of the founders of the peace movement:

God blesses still the generous thought,
And still the fitting word He speeds,
And Truth, at His requiring taught,
He quickens into deeds.

We may be pardoned for saying that we are gratified when commendation comes our way. When we are made aware of the sacrifices which men and women make that our work may go on, it is with no spirit of apology that we confess that that is a sacred thing to us. We are pleased at remarks like this: "I have found your journal valuable as a source of information; and I have been so pleased with your criticism of the Versailles Conference and its work, and of the conduct of the Entente and associated powers, that I wish to continue my connection with you." But the sacrifices for us, they are sacred.